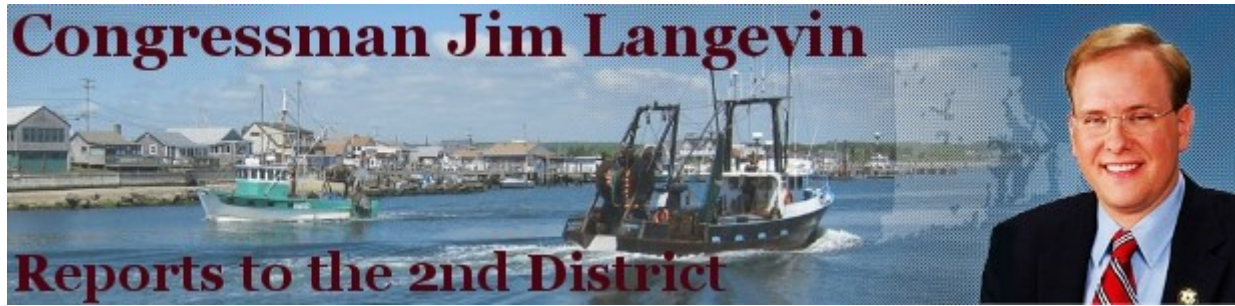


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## Ripped from the Headlines



Dear Friends,

When I first began exploring cybersecurity nearly a decade ago, it was an issue that wasn't capturing many headlines. But years have passed and headlines have accumulated, and cyber breaches are now a mainstay in the media. Too many consumers have been affected by commercial hacks of retail giants like Target and Home Depot; too many companies, from Sony Pictures Entertainment to Google, have felt the wrath of cyber criminals.

And early last month, another headline [captured our national attention](#). The Social Security numbers, birthdates and other personally identifiable information of millions of current and former federal employees was compromised in a breach of the Office of Personnel Management.

This breach [underscores the need for a reexamination](#) of the federal government's approach to securing its networks. I am encouraged by recent policy advances, such as the [Protecting Cyber Networks Act](#) and the [National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act](#),

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### WICKFORD ART FESTIVAL

*Don't miss the more than 200 fine artists at the 53rd annual event!*

Weekend of July 11-12

Outdoors in scenic Wickford Village

## Did You Know...?

### TWITTER MILESTONE

On his birthday this year, April 22, Rep. Langevin broke the 10,000-follower mark on Twitter. Follow him @JimLangevin! >>

### FAST FACT

Constituents can get a better understanding of Rep. Langevin's priorities in Congress by following the legislation he sponsors. >>

## In Other News

### CYBER DEFENSES

Rep. Langevin called on OPM to fully investigate the breach, leaving no stone unturned. >>

### INFLUENCING OPINION



and this year's [National Defense Authorization Act](#), which included improved cybersecurity provisions. We are making progress, but we must do more.

Our distant and not-so-distant history is [doomed to repeat itself unless we take stronger action](#). Improving our nation's cybersecurity has long been a priority for me, and it needs to be a priority for all of us if we want to stop the presses on cyber-crime. Leaders in all sectors – both public and private – need to realize the magnitude of the threats we face in cyberspace and reassess their own vulnerabilities.

To learn more about my leadership on cybersecurity and my vision for a more secure future, follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

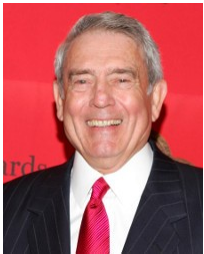
Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### **It Is So Ordered**

"They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right." Taken from Justice Kennedy's opinion in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, that quote validates the [work, legacy and love](#) of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. In back-to-back landmark decisions, the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage and [protected the rights of millions of Americans in their pursuit of quality health care](#) in *King v. Burwell*. Not a bad week, [if you ask me](#).



### **Unwanted in America**

As someone who grew up with foster siblings, I have always been concerned with protecting the rights of foster youth. Legendary journalist Dan Rather shares that concern for children. It was an honor to have him as my guest for a briefing of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth. His documentary, "Unwanted in America," will shed light on the re-homing of adopted children, and I appreciate his support of my efforts to better protect all kids.

Designated as a "Passcode Influencer" by *The Christian Science Monitor*, Rep. Langevin weighs in on cybersecurity issues, this month calling for the resignation of OPM Director Archuleta. >>

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Rep. Langevin showed his support for people with disabilities at a visit to the Ocean State Center for Independent Living. >>

### **HEALTH CARE VICTORY**

A longtime supporter of health care reform, Rep. Langevin celebrated the Supreme Court decision to maintain tax subsidies for low-income families. >>

### **KUDOS TO HIS HOLINESS**

Rep. Langevin thanked Pope Francis for his Papal Encyclical that highlighted the effects of climate change and how all people can help to fight it. >>

### **STRATEGIC REVIEW**

In a briefing with Secretary of Defense Carter, Rep. Langevin questioned if the U.S. needs to alter its strategy to defeat ISIL. >>

### **FULL DISCLOSURE**

Rep. Langevin urged the Securities and Exchange Commission to require detailed cyber disclosures for companies. >>

### **KIDS COUNT**

In an op-ed on *Credit.com*, Rep. Langevin called for legislation to better protect the identities and financial futures of young people. >>

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